

**Quarterly Issues and Programming Report**

**October 2010 thru December 2010**

**WTNH/News8**

1. Community Issues
2. Health
3. Education
4. Crime
5. Consumer Issues
6. Government, economy, and law

## **Community Issues:**

### **October:**

10/06/10: Good Morning Connecticut - :30

#### **"360 State/Market"**

New this morning, there's a new market coming to downtown New Haven and they want to get acquainted with their neighbors. The owners of the Elm City Market are holding a public meeting tonight at New Haven city hall. The grocery store will be located on the ground floor of 360 state.. the new luxury high rise apartment building downtown. They'll be there to answer questions and hear comments. The meeting starts at six o'clock.

10/15/10: News 8 at 5pm - :15

#### **"Hand Washing Day"**

Break out the soap it's Global Handwashing Day. 80 countries are taking part in today's events at playgrounds, classrooms and community centers. Each year, two million children in developing nations die from diarrhea and acute respiratory infections that could have been prevented if they only had clean water and soap to properly wash their hands.

10/17/10: Good Morning CT Weekend - :45

#### **"Breast Cancer Walk"**

Later today hundreds of people will be putting their best foot forward in the battle against breast cancer. It's the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" walk and one of those walks is being held at Bushnell Park in Hartford. And that's where we find, NEWS 8's Crystal Haynes standing by LIVE... GOOD MORNING CRYSTAL....ARE YOU ALL SET TO GO? In just a few hours, Bushnell Park will be awash with pink so to speak. About 5,000 local breast cancer survivors, volunteers, businesses and community members will come together to fight breast cancer at walks here in Hartford and Litchfield. Almost 500 women die from the disease every year here in Connecticut. ACS Making Strides walks are important in raising money to find a cure. Registration starts at 9...the walk starts at 11.

10/29/10: Good Morning CT - :25

#### **"Fantasy of Lights"**

From Halloween to holiday lights! Yes, it's that time of year again. Gearing up for the holidays, setup begins today for the 16th Annual Fantasy of Lights. Community volunteers are starting work on the display now but the display opens to you on November 19th. Each year, more than 100-thousand people visit Fantasy of Lights... the proceeds will benefit Easter Seals Goodwill Industries'.

### **November:**

11/01/10: News 8 at 12pm - :40

#### **"Windsor Locks Kids Vigil"**

Friends and classmates gathered in Windsor Locks this morning... to remember a 15-year-old boy who was struck and killed while riding his bike on Friday night. News 8's Crystal Haynes is on the scene in Windsor Locks today... where they are just coming to terms with the loss of a young life. "There's an empty seat in some of the classrooms here at Windsor Lock High School. the ones where Henry Dang would have sat., but today, his classmates, his friends , teachers all gathered all gathered here to make sure he is not forgotten." Before starting their day in homeroom or breakfast in the cafeteria students at Windsor Locks High School gathered for an early morning vigil for 15-year old Henry Dang. Dozens shared stories about the sophomore around the flagpole...crying...consoling each other. The grief echoes throughout the town. Windsor Locks police officer, Michael Koistinen, was off duty when investigators say he struck dang with a car on Spring Street Saturday. It was around midnight and Dang was on his bike.

11/21/10: News 8 at 11pm - :35

**"Food Drives"**

The North Haven and Hamden Fire Departments are hoping to serve up a big helping of charity for folks less fortunate this holiday season. Firefighters collected food and other items at this drive at the Stop 'n Shops in their communities this weekend. People in the community came out to support the cause. Organizations that help the less fortunate on Thanksgiving say food donations are down. The CT Food bank says it's short thousands of Turkeys statewide for Thanksgiving...visit our website WTNH dot com to find out how you can help.

11/25/10: News 8 at 5pm – 1:20

**"Feeding Sailors"**

For 10 years the subvets have provided a home cooked meal for many who are far away from home... some for the very first time. Deep fried turkey and all the trimmings. That's just fine for these new sailors - at the Groton submarine base only a month. [Raymond Johnson/Floresville TX] "We're very new to the navy so it's hard being away from our families and stuff and just having subvets here a home away from home it's very nice ... it's very comforting." Some of these submarine school students come back years later to volunteer. It is an impressive force of sailors and civilians giving thanks by giving back. Roxanne and Shannon Locklear make this their family tradition. [Shannon Locklear/Volunteer] "I like it. I feel good about it. I feel like I should." Not only are they serving up hundreds of meals here they also filled up about 300 to go containers for retired veterans, folks working at the sub base, the coast guard academy. and in law enforcement who couldn't make it here.

11/28/10: Good Morning CT Weekend - :50

**"Bracelets for Logan"**

It has been one medical setback after another for a Hamden family. Logan Solomon was born three years ago with Down Syndrome. Now, the little boy with an infectious smile has been diagnosed with leukemia. And friends of the family, and the community is coming together to help out. Logan is here with us this morning... along with his mom, Robin Raiano... and her best friend Joanna Salati, who's helped organize a fundraiser. Welcome. I can imagine paying for all the medical expenses is tough now and it's going to get even tougher. The fundraiser is Angels Over Logan. The Orange for Leukemia bracelets are \$3 each and the proceeds go to medical expenses for Logan Solomon. Email [Jsalati@yahoo.com](mailto:Jsalati@yahoo.com) to purchase.

**December:**

12/01/10: Good Morning CT - :25

**"World Aids Day"**

Today is the 22nd annual world AIDS day. Communities all across the state, country and the world will be marking this day in some way or another. The United Center Church on the green will be holding a remembrance at noon today. Hartford is holding an event tonight called "Light

the Lights for Human Rights" at Community Health Services on Albany Avenue. Events are also being held at Norwalk Community College, The University of Hartford and Eastern Connecticut State University.

12/07/10: Good Morning CT - :25

**"Pearl Harbor Today"**

Today is the 69th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Flags will be lowered to half staff to mark what became known as 'The day that will live in infamy'. 24-hundred Americans were killed and another 12-hundred wounded when Japan attacked in 1941. Today, the city of Norwalk will hold a ceremony in the community room at City hall starting at 10am. Flags will fly at half staff from dawn to dusk.

12/13/10: Good Morning CT - :30

**"Fill A Cruiser"**

The Plainville Police Department is helping kids this holiday season with its first "Stuff a Cruiser" event. They collected everything from unwrapped toys to clothing. Everything that is collected goes to the local Salvation Army to be handed out around the community. Organizers say people really came out in force and gave all they could. The Salvation Army has reported low donations this year... people at the event hope their donations helped.

**Health:**

**October:**

10/07/10: Good Morning CT - :25

**"Walnuts and Breast Cancer"**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It looks like...Adding two ounces of walnuts to your diet may be one of your best defenses. Walnuts are high in Essential omega-3 fatty acids and antioxidants. According to a study from the Marshall University School of Medicine eating walnuts may reduce the risk of getting breast cancer. It may also delay tumor growth and lead to smaller and fewer tumors. One word of warning though, don't eat too many, walnuts are also high in calories.

10/08/10: News 8 at 5pm - :25

**"Canada Pulls Meridia"**

Abbott Laboratories is pulling the weight loss drug Meridia off the market in Canada. Health officials there say the pills are linked to side effects like heart attacks and strokes. Meridia is currently banned in the Europe. And the FDA says it could also be banned here in the U.S. The drug has been on the market in the U-S since 19-97.

10/13/10: Good Morning CT - :35

**"Lunch Room Psychology"**

Health news this morning... psychology is being brought into the lunch room at schools across the country. The goal is to get kids to make smarter food choices. For example, schools may start hiding the chocolate milk behind the plain milk, display apples and oranges in pretty baskets and the option to only pay by cash for desserts. Food and restaurant marketers have used the tricks for a while. This week the U-S Department of Agriculture announced the major initiative giving 2-million dollars to food behavior scientists. This would use psychology to improve the federal school lunch program and fight childhood obesity.

10/22/10: Good Morning CT - :20

## **“Colon Cancer Risk”**

A new study suggests aspirin may help fight colon cancer. Previous studies have found a daily dose of 500 milligrams of aspirin could prevent colon cancer but the side effects, bleeding and stomach problems, keep most people from taking the drug. A new analysis shows that taking a low dose equivalent to a baby or regular aspirin may work as well.

## **November:**

11/01/10: Good Morning CT - :25

### **“Alcohol Worse Than Crack”**

In health news this morning, a new study shows that alcohol is more dangerous than crack cocaine, heroin and ecstasy. British experts looking at all kinds of substance abuse and ranked them in two categories: How destructive they are to the individual taking them and their impact on society as a whole. Heroin was most lethal to individuals but alcohol had the most impact on society. Then when factored together alcohol outranked all other substances followed by heroin and crack. Experts say that's because it is so widely used.

11/02/10: News 8 at 5pm - :30

### **“Concussion Study”**

Whether it's "getting your bell rung" or "seeing stars" concussions have historically been made light of. But recent research suggests that NFL players who've been victims of repeated concussions may experience devastating long-term consequences including decreased mental ability, dementia and even Alzheimer's disease. The American Academy of Neurology is now recommending that no matter what their age anyone suffering a blow to the head should be thoroughly evaluated by a specialist before returning to sports. That reverses earlier guidelines that allowed some athletes back on the field after being sidelined for only a week. The Academy also wants a certified athletic trainer at every sports event even practices.

11/04/10: News 8 at 11pm - :35

### **“Lung Cancer CT Screening”**

There's a big breakthrough tonight in the fight against lung cancer. Studies show that a new cancer test should be able to cut the number of people who die from lung cancer by 20 percent. Until now, it's been very hard to catch lung cancer early. And by the time symptoms show up it's usually too late. By giving older, heavy smokers a low-dose CT scan the smallest of tumors can be detected and surgically removed, providing a cure. The study results brought tears to the eyes of the doctor who's been working on the test for 20 years. For the first time ever the American Cancer Society may change its recommendations about screening for lung cancer.

11/18/10: News 8 at 5pm - :25

### **“Cholesterol Drug”**

Cardiovascular disease kills 1 out of every 3 Americans. So you can imagine doctors are excited about a new cholesterol medicine that does double duty. It's called Amacetrapib. [a-mass-tra-pib] It works by lowering bad cholesterol and increasing levels of good cholesterol which may actually help remove plaque from arteries. The results? Bad cholesterol went down by 40 percent and good cholesterol went up by a whopping 138 percent. The drug is still at least 3 years away from market and more testing is underway.

## **December:**

12/01/10: News 8 at 5pm - :30

### **“Child Med Doses”**

If you get confused when you're trying give your child medication you're not alone. A new study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association finds about half of adults make mistakes when giving children medications. Complicated labeling may be part of the problem. In some cases the directions used terms such as teaspoon or tablespoon but the cup or stopper used to actually measure out the medicine lists doses in milliliters.

#### 12/10/10: Good Morning CT - :30

##### **"Dentist Fear"**

Health news this morning... A lot of people, young and old, fear a trip to the dentist. But more and more dentists are going the extra mile to help patients fight their anxiety. There is a growing trend nationwide for sedation dentistry. Laughing gas helps a patient relax. You can find a practitioner through our state's dental association. But in Atlanta, Georgia this dentist works hard to gain a patient's trust. He says he listens carefully and explains treatment strategies. The smell of a dentist office may also cause anxiety in some patients so some offices are going virtually odorless... and noise reducing headphones also help ease the experience.

#### 12/13/10: News 8 at 5pm - :30

##### **"Sugary Cereal Study"**

Good news for parents ----who don't want their children eating "super-sugary cereals." A Yale study finds kids who were given cereals with 'less sugar' actually enjoyed them and in turn ate a better breakfast. Researchers studied kids at camp. They found those who ate sugary cereals ate MORE of the actual cereal but less fruit and milk. While kids who ate the 'less-sugary cereal' added some sugar but also added fruit to balance it out.

## **Education:**

### **October:**

#### 10/04/10: News 8 at 5pm - :30

##### **"CT University Enrollment"**

Education officials say enrollment at Connecticut's public state colleges and universities has reached an all-time high. The Connecticut Department of Higher Education says more than 127-thousand students are enrolled this fall in the schools. That's an increase of three percent over last year. Most of the growth is in the state's 12-community colleges which account for more than 58-thousand students. UConn in Storrs has the largest single concentration of students at just under 25-thousand.

#### 10/13/10: News 8 at 12pm - :30

##### **"CT Teacher of the Year"**

A physics teacher at Bunnell High School in Stratford is Connecticut's 'Teacher of the Year' for 2011. Kristen Ann Record is a former research scientist who has taught at the school for more than a decade. She was the top pick of 50 thousand public school teachers in the state. At a celebration at the school today, Record thanked her family and praised her colleagues at Bunnell.

#### 10/26/10: Good Morning CT - :30

##### **"Bullying Warning Letter"**

A warning this morning about bullying ... The U-S Department of Education is sending a letter to schools, colleges and universities nationwide in response to several high-profile cases of bullying. The letters will go in the mail today. The agency is telling schools they could be violating federal anti-discrimination laws if they tolerate or do not address ethnic, sexual or gender-based harassment.

## **November:**

11/03/10: News 8 at 5pm - :25

### **"CT Colleges Tuition"**

Several Connecticut colleges are among the most expensive in the country but you may be surprised to find out which one didn't make the cut. The Chronicle of Higher Education looked at the numbers. Yale University didn't make the cut falling short of the 50 thousand a year cutoff. So which schools did? Wesleyan University was number four on the list. Trinity College ranked 12-th. Connecticut College is 17-th. And Fairfield University falls at 75-th.

11/08/10: Good Morning CT - :20

### **"UConn Bikes"**

Soon, UConn students and employees will be able to "check out" --- more than books at one of the school's libraries. UConn is planning a bike-sharing test program...in the next few months... Anyone with a current UConn i-d...could borrow one of 20 bicycles at the Homer Babbidge Library. The Undergrad Student Government purchased the bikes

11/09/10: News 8 at 5pm - 2:00

### **"New Haven School Announcement"**

Free college education... it may sound too good to be true... but for students in New Haven it's the real deal. New Haven Mayor John DeStefano announced a program that he says will get students aiming for the 'head of the class' more than ever before. News Eight's Chris Velardi tells us how students can make it happen. You want to get a crowd of high school freshman fired up -- you tell them you'll pay for college. That was the message -- the promise -- delivered today not just to New Haven's Class of 2014.. but to every student in the city. The city is partnering with Yale University and the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.. to pay the tuition at any in-state public university or college. To be eligible.. students have to graduate with a 3.0 average.. and having done 40-hours of community service over their four years in high school. Mayor Destafano says it's up to the students.. and their parents. The money for this.. is coming from Yale University. President Rick Levin says it'll be a six-figure investment initially.. but he expects it'll eventually cost about 4-million dollars a year. But he calls it an investment -- in the future of these students.. the city of New Haven.. and the state of Connecticut.

11/24/10: Good Morning CT - :20

### **"Michael Vick Visit"**

NFL star quarterback Michael Vick has a new message he is trying to spread. He spent 18 months in federal prison on dog fighting charges. Now he's back on the field and making sure the kids who cheer for him don't follow in his footsteps. Vick visited both Hillhouse and Wilbur Cross High Schools. Vick says he's on a mission now, to help more animals than he hurt. His past gives him a rare kind of credibility with the kids.

## **December:**

12/02/10: News 8 at 11pm - :25

### **"CT Kids Kindergarten Age"**

The State Education Board approves a plan to 'move up the date' when children need to be five years old to enroll in kindergarten. Children will now need to be five by October first rather than the current date of January 1st. The new cutoff date would make ensure that children are 'closer-together' in age. Lawmakers will have the final say.

12/09/10: Good Morning CT - :30

### **"Stratford Schools"**

There's word this morning of possible school closings in Stratford. The Connecticut Post is reporting it's because of budget issues. A long-range planning committee is working with a consultant and looking at the possibility of moving students around. One option they're looking at integrating sixth grade into the middle schools and consolidating some of the elementary schools.

12/13/10: Good Morning CT - :30

**"New Haven Tier System"**

New Haven's Mayor and the Superintendent are getting ready to announce some crucial grades for all new haven public schools. They'll be announcing the Tiering results as part of the City's "School Change Initiative." Each school is placed in three categories based on student performance, student growth and learning environment. It hopes the school district makes decisions about where changes need to be made.

**Crime:**

**October:**

10/02/10: News 8 at 11pm - :45

**"New Haven Club Elevate"**

Right now police are out in force on motorcycles, bike patrols and foot cracking down on crime in the entertainment district. Chaos erupted on Friday night during police inspections at Alchemy, a New Haven night club. Swat team members accompanied fire marshals and liquor control agents as they found numerous violations including under aged drinkers. Two students were arrested and one tazed after police say he struck an officer. new haven police say this is not a one night deal they will be back out here night after night, weekend after weekend to make sure the underage drinking stops and the streets stay safe.

10/12/10: Good Morning CT - :40

**"Gang Hate Crime"**

In New York City, eight gang suspects are facing hate crimes for the torture of two teenaged boys and a man. One suspect is still on the loose. Police say nine members of the Latin King Goonies gang went on a rampage Oct. 3rd after hearing a rumor one of their teenage recruits was gay. Police say the suspects burned, beat and tortured a man for hours and sodomized him with a miniature baseball bat. The gang members are facing robbery, assault, sexual abuse and unlawful imprisonment as hate crimes.

10/18/10: News 8 at 5pm - :20

**"East Lyme Robbery"**

State Police are asking for help tracking down a man who tried to rob a gas station in East Lyme. Take a good look - Police say this man demanded 300 dollars from an employee at the Mobil on Flanders Road. He said he had a gun and said he needed the money to get his daughter out of jail. The employee refused to hand over the cash and the man took off.

10/27/10: News 8 at 6pm - :55

**"Copper Theft"**

Two men are facing charges tonight for swiping copper from a piece of state property. State police say it happened at the old Seaside Regional center site in Waterford. It is locked up as you can see and there is security here at this former Seaside Regional Center - but people are allowed to come on the property to enjoy the water view. Recently though, folks were after more than the view. Our cameras were allowed on the waterfront property last spring when the state was first set to sell it to a developer. Those plans are still in the works. In the meantime - the abandoned buildings which are off limits to visitors have become targets of thieves. 41 year old Todd Fellows and 22 year old Kyle Jolly both of Baltic are accused of stealing copper from the



Shore Road site in Waterford. Wendy Lund like many often enjoy the view which they hope will not be restricted now that thieves have hit. The former Norwich Hospital site now the Preston Riverwalk - has been a popular target for thieves and ghost hunters. Just last month town leaders taking a tour of the Preston property saw thieves trying to carry bundles of steel and copper from one of the buildings. They dropped the goods and got away.

## **November:**

11/02/10: News 8 at 5pm - :25

### **"NL Court Escapee"**

State police are searching tonight for a woman who escaped from a New London court house. Police say 28 year old Michelle Conklin-Chadwick was wearing leg shackles when she escaped from a holding cell. Police say she was in court on a narcotics charge. She may be driving a White Voyager with a Connecticut license plate 509-XZU. State Police Major Crime detectives are handling the investigation. If you see her call the state police.

11/19/10: News 8 at 12pm – 1:30

### **"SCSU Sexual Assault"**

As students make their way across campus word that this parking lot may have been a crime scene is a bit unnerving for freshman Amber Gwiazdowski, "I've just always been told to be cautious around here I mean we are in New Haven." Early Friday morning campus police scoured parking lot 3 off Farnum Avenue after a woman's claim she was sexually assaulted in a dark colored vehicle in the lot. The alleged victim says just before 2 am a male approached her along Farnum Avenue and then walked her to the vehicle. Inside she says were other males. It's not clear if the victim knew her attacker or if this was a random act. However, it has students reminding each other to be vigilant. Police say the alleged victim is a student. They are working to see if the alleged attackers are enrolled here. Male students on campus tell us they are going to be more watchful.

11/19/10: News 8 at 5pm - :40

### **"Stratford Intruder Dead"**

Now to a bizarre home invasion in Stratford... where the intruder ended up dead. News 8 was first on the scene. 71 year Robert Smith says he struggled with the man who broke into his home on Seabreeze Drive just after 1 o'clock this morning. Smith told police the man said he needed a knife. Then Smith says he was punched in the face by the intruder which sent him down a flight of stairs. Smith went to a neighbor's house for help. When police got to the scene the intruder was found dead in Smith's bathroom. Police say it appears the intruder had been injured before breaking into the home and that there a trail of blood outside. He still hasn't been identified. The investigation into the case continues.

11/29/10: News 8 at 5pm - :45

### **"Metro North Crime"**

A new report shows more people are being robbed on the train. News Eight's Kent Pierce is on the scene in Westport with reaction. "There are some very nice cars parked at the Green's Farms Metro-North Station here in Westport, and recently thieves took advantage of that, breaking into some of these cars. That's one reason the Metro-North crime statistics are up this year over last year." Folks on the 8:52 to Grand Central probably think about thieves and robbers while they're in the big city, but what about while they're here in Westport? That was about a month ago, and its part of a trend. Statistics from the Metro-North police show crime is up on the railroad. For the first 10 months of 2010, robberies are up from 9 to 16 - that's a jump of 78% over last year. Grand larcenies are up from 60 last year to 88 this year. Overall, major felonies are up from 91 to 127. That's a year to year increase of 40 percent. But the MTA points out, that's only a couple felonies a week. And there have been no murders or rapes. But most people in this exclusive place don't

seem worried about crime, at least not at the train station in broad daylight. The head of the Connecticut Commuter Rail Council told the Stamford Advocate that this is more of a sign of the poor economy than poor security or policing by Metro-North.

## **December:**

12/01/10: News 8 at 12pm – :35

### **“Farmington Burglaries”**

New at noon, Farmington police are investigating two burglaries and they're looking for your help in cracking the case. Take a look at these pictures. They're from 'Dry Cleaning by McKleans' on Main Street. Police say the man seen here smashed the front glass and took money from the cash register. They say a similar crime happened about ten minutes earlier at Surry Liquor. If you have any information you're being urged to give the Farmington police department a call.

12/08/10: Good Morning CT - :22

### **“Komisarjevsky Latest”**

A trial date has been set for the second Cheshire home invasion suspect. Jury selection in the trial for Joshua Komisarjevsky will begin February 22nd. It may take weeks or even months to choose a jury. Komisarjevsky is charged in the 2007 murders of Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her two daughters. Steven Hayes, the other defendant in the case was sentenced to death last week for his part in the crime.

12/17/10: News 8 at 5pm - :22

### **“BPT Credit Union Robbed”**

Tonight Bridgeport police are investigating a bank heist. It happened this morning at the Fairfield County Federal Credit Union on Brooklawn Avenue. The Connecticut Post is reporting a man passed a note to a teller saying he was carrying a gun. The robber made the teller load money into a bag. He then took off. Anyone with information is asked to contact Bridgeport police.

## **Consumer Issues:**

## **October:**

10/01/10: News 8 at 12pm - :25

### **“BMW Recall”**

There's another call recall to tell you about ... BMW is pulling nearly 200-thousand cars in the U-S off the road. The luxury automaker is recalling 5, 6 and 7 series vehicles that have either a V-8 or V-12 engines. They were made between 2002 and 2010. Rolls-Royce models are also being pulled. BMW says the cars may have leaks that could affect the power braking system.

10/02/10: Good Morning CT - :25

### **“Sleep Positioners”**

Parents pay attention. The Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Food and Drug Administration are warning parents to stop using infant sleep positioners. The products have been used to keep babies sleeping on their backs. But the C-P-S-C says 12 babies have died... suffocated by the positioner. The victims were all between one and four months old. CPSC says it's also received dozens of reports of close calls.

10/11/10: News 8 at 5pm - :25

### **“Mercedes Recall”**

Mercedes Benz is calling back about 85-thousand cars due to potential steering problems.

The recall involves 2010 'Class-C' models and 2010 and 2011 'Class E coupe and Cabriolet models. The luxury car-makers says the steering systems \*could\* fail due to a loss of power steering fluid. If you own one of the models 'involved' you can take it to your dealership for a free 'check of the system'.

10/24/10: News 8 at 6pm - :25

**"Beef Stick Recall"**

A Milwaukee sausage company is recalling its beef stick products. The USDA says Klement Sausage issued the recall, because people have been complaining about finding hard plastic and pieces of glass in the meat. The label will read "Market Pantry Beef Sticks, Original" and have a "use by" date of March 1, 2012. So far there are no reports of any injuries.

**November:**

11/15/10: Good Morning CT - :20

**"Turkey Recall"**

A Texas-based company is recalling more than 2-thousand pounds of ready to eat turkey breast products. Today the USDA announced the recall by New Braunfels Smokehouse. Authorities say the meat is being pulled for possible listeria contamination. The turkey breasts were produced on August fourth and distributed nationwide.

11/30/10: News 8 at 12pm - :20

**"Food Safety"**

The food that hits your dinner table is about to get a bit safer. The Senate has passed a one point five billion dollar bill giving the government broader power to inspect food processing plants and force companies to recall 'tainted' food. Supporters say... the 'beefed up' standards are critical... following recent deadly salmonella and e-coli outbreaks.

11/30/10: News 8 at 5pm - :20

**"Zagat Survey"**

Frequent flyers and travel professionals agree -- Southwest is their favorite way to fly. The airline swept several categories in a survey conducted on Zagat-dot-com including best value among domestic airlines, for the third year in a row. Continental Airlines topped the survey for premium seating and JetBlue was number one in economy seating. The survey also rates airports and for the fourth consecutive year LaGuardia was voted the worst airport.

**December:**

12/10/10: News 8 at 12pm -:25

**"Roloids Recall"**

Time to check your medicine cabinet. There's another 'Johnson and Johnson' recall this morning 13 million packages of Roloids are being pulled off of store shelves... after some people found metal and wood particles inside. The recall includes several kinds of Roloids Softchews. This is just the latest Johnson and Johnson recall. There have been eight others this year alone.

12/15/10: News 8 at 5pm - :25

**"Holiday Spending"**

A research firm is raising its holiday spending forecast for the second time in a matter of weeks. It comes as more data shows a bigger-than-expected surge in buying in November. ShopperTrak says it now expects holiday sales to rise four percent over last year up from a previous projection

of three-point-two percent. ShopperTrak says November's revenue rose nearly six percent compared with a year ago as stores successfully pulled in shoppers with discounts.

12/17/10: News 8 at 5pm - :25

**"GM Seatbelt Recall"**

General Motors is calling back about 100 thousand vehicles to fix seat belts that could \*fail in a crash. The recall involves 2011 model year versions of the Cadillac SRX, Chevy Equinox and G-M-C Terrain. GM says the seat belt buckle anchor for the driver and front passenger seats could break in a crash.

## **Government, Economy, & Law**

### **October:**

10/05/10: Good Morning CT - :20

**"Economy Survey"**

A new poll shows 31 percent of americans believe the economy is improving. That's - 7 points more than a month ago. The latest G-F-K poll also shows dissatisfaction with the federal government over its handling of the economy has also gone down by 7 points - but is still high at 71 percent. Democrats are gaining back some support among voters as many feel the economy may be turning the corner.

10/08/10: News 8 at 5pm - :20

**"Budget Deficit"**

New congressional estimates put the federal deficit for the just-finished 2010 budget year at a little under one-point-three trillion dollars. The Congressional Budget Office estimate puts the deficit about 125-billion below the one-point four trillion posted for 2009. That means the government borrowed 37 cents out of every dollar it spent.

10/21/10: News 8 at 11pm - :25

**"CT Economy"**

There are new Connecticut employment numbers out tonight and they are not good. Connecticut lost 59-hundred jobs last month. That's four times as many as some predictions. The official unemployment rate for the state remains at 9.1 percent. Over the last 18 months Connecticut has lost more than 100 thousand jobs. And this latest dip may mean a tough holiday season for retailers. You can't have tangible economic recovery without increasing consumer spending powers. So it says retailers are going to be challenged. Klepper Smith also says another dose of bad jobs news may make it tougher on incumbents with election day less than two weeks away.

10/27/10: Good Morning CT - :21

**"East Haven Racial Profiling"**

The Latino community in East Haven is suing East Haven and its police department for racial profiling. And some Yale Law students are lending a hand. The group says the profiling, intimidation, and retaliation has only grown worse since they first went public with their complaints last year. They are demanding changes in department policy and more training for police officers.

### **November:**

11/03/10: News 8 at 5pm - 2:00

**"Bysiewicz & Voting"**

After the mess at the polls yesterday in Bridgeport, the Secretary of the State is now saying, she wants to change state law so that doesn't happen again. It was 2:30 in the afternoon when the news came out there was a critical shortage of ballots in Bridgeport and voters were turned away without voting. Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz had to step in, get replacement ballots and go to court to keep the polls open til 10. When asked why the registrars in Bridgeport ordered so few, she answered – "I can't even begin to fathom." President Obama had come to Bridgeport just three days before. Several big races were too close to call and all four of the governor and senate candidates are from Fairfield County but Bridgeport, the biggest city in the state ordered only 21-thousand ballots for close to 70-thousand voters. Bysiewicz says, there was no communication about it beforehand. She says, she assumed they would use common sense and she does not accept any responsibility. "I do not, I lay it squarely on the shoulders on the registrars of voters, it has been the directive of our office to order one-hundred percent of ballots, in other words, one ballot for every registered voter plus extras in case ballots are spoiled." Now, she wants to make that state law, one voter, one ballot. But in the past, towns and cities got state and federal funding to help with the cost but that dried up in 2008. Each ballot costs about 50-cents for large orders. For 70-thousand voters in Bridgeport, that's 35-thousand dollars. The secretary says, the priority here is to make sure voters aren't turned away she says, they're encouraging folks to contact elections enforcement. Yes, because their rights were violated. Again, the Secretary of the State wants state law to be changed but no word yet on if there would be any funding with that mandate.

11/08/10: News 8 at 11pm - :25

**"Gas Prices on the Rise"**

Gas prices are on the rise... as we get closer to the holidays. Triple A says a gallon of regular unleaded... is up about a nickel in the past week, averaging \$2.85. It's about \$3.03 a gallon here in Connecticut. The reason for the price hike is not demand. Investors are betting that oil prices will increase as the Federal Reserve tries to stimulate the economy by buying 600 billion dollars in bonds.

11/27/10: News 8 at 6pm - :16

**"Immigrants Med Benefits"**

Should some impoverished LEGAL immigrants be denied medical benefits? Tuesday The Connecticut Supreme Court will hear arguments. In a case where state lawmakers voted to end the benefits. Back in 2-thousand 9... a Hartford Superior Judge found the law unconstitutional. The state appealed.

11/29/10: News 8 at 12pm - :20

**"Walmart Lawsuit"**

The Supreme Court could decide as early as today if it will hear a landmark lawsuit against Walmart. The world's largest retailer faces a class-action lawsuit accusing the company of discriminating against women in pay and promotions. If the high court allows the case to move forward it would be one of the biggest class-action suits in history.

**December:**

12/01/10: News 8 at 5pm -:30

**"Wikileaks Damage Control"**

More now on the fallout from Wiki-Leaks' release of thousands of diplomatic documents ... Today Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is doing damage control... in Kazakhstan... coming face to face with many of the government leaders mentioned in those documents. Among them Russian President Dimitri Medvedev who was called "Robin to Putin's Batman" and German Chancellor Angela Merkel who was dismissed as "risk averse and rarely creative." Wiki-Leaks founder is

demanding Clinton resign over the damaging documents. The White House press secretary called the demand "ridiculous."

12/06/10: News 8 at 5pm - :30

**"Malloy Transition"**

The new Governor takes office in just 30 days...and today the wheels of the new administration really started rolling. Governor-elect Dan Malloy's transition team held their first meeting and Malloy gave a sobering message to House Democrats. Chief Political Correspondent Mark Davis joins us live from our Hartford Newsroom with more on the transition to a government in the face of the worst deficit in state history. The new Governor himself said for the first time today that Connecticut's deficit, per capita, is the worst in the nation.

12/16/10: News 8 at 11pm - :30

**"Afghanistan War Report"**

A new government report card is out today on the war in Afghanistan. The report found that the power of Al Qaida and the Taliban is dying down. President Obama says that while the war is still a challenge the U-S is on track to meeting its goals. This has been the deadliest year for U-S troops in Afghanistan. At least 480 Americans have been killed.